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For : **NOVEL HYDRATE FORMS OF ALENDRONATE SODIUM,
PROCESSES FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF, AND
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS THEREOF**

Enclosed are:

1. 21 sheet(s) of specification, 9 sheet(s) of claims, and 1 sheet of abstract.
2. -24- sheet(s) of formal drawings.
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5. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.
6. Preliminary Amendment.
7. Priority Claimed:

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